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But what is all this to the American farmer? Much every way. He is the most enterprising man of his class in the world. He objects to nothing because it is new. "Will it pay?" is the first question he wants answered. Once in a while a man is found who is "farming for his health," but he is too rare a specimen to need special attention except by his physician. Journalism does not count him.

Will bamboo-growing in America pay?

Why not? It requires no cultivation worth mentioning. It occupies little land, and that which is otherwise unproductive mountain-sides, rocky soil, the despair of the cultivator, is where it flourishes. As to climate, the southern half of the United States is in the latitude where it abounds in China. There seems to be no good reason why it should not grow as easily in Florida as in Fukien, as well in the valley of the Mississippi as in the great Yangtse basin.

"What is the use of raising what nobody in America uses?" I hear a hard-headed old king of the soil ask. Before the cotton-gin was invented cotton-growing did not pay. Americans did not eat much sugar when it was all in the form of maple-syrup. Cheap sugar makes its own demand. So with a number of articles now in common use. A generation ago they were luxuries, and used by a few. The discovery or invention of a cheap method of production has created the market. Witness the spread of kerosene in less than two generations. Certainly any material that is capable of such a variety of uses with the least labor soon make for itself a market in America. Already bamboo bric-a-brac manufactured in Japan brings very high prices in America. Let the raw material be grown in America. Give Yankee ingenuity a chance to make it supply the insatiable appetite of the Ameri-

can public for the new, the useful and the ornamental; the difficulty soon would be not with the limited demand, but with the insufficient supply.

How get a start in growing it? It is reported that the Agricultural Department at Washington had a commission in the Far East a year or two ago looking for new and useful plants and ideas. It is not strange that these specialists saw that there was for the bamboo a possible American future. It is said they have taken specimens home with them, and that the Department is experimenting with them, with a view to introducing the bamboo into its new environment. Any interested reader can no doubt find out what has been the success of the experiment so far by writing to the Department. A score of letters of inquiry would awaken interest in the subject if it has gone to sleep. The enterprising branch station in the Philippines could supply without limit the home demand for seed-plants and information. I would risk a prophet's reputation in the prediction that many Americans now living will see this wonderful grass gracefully waving over the mountain-sides of our Sunny South.

### Profit in Agriculture.

A correspondent, of the Ohio Farmer, gives his ideas on this subject as follows:

Some of The Farmer's correspondents, I notice, are disposed to take a very gloomy view of farming as a business, and see little prospect for improvement. The facts, I think, do not justify such opinions. It is true that no great fortunes are made in farming, but there is no business in this country where a young man with no capital except good health, industry and a fair amount of intelligence and pluck, stands so good a show to secure an independence.

I speak from a pretty large experience. I have ten farms in charge, scattered over several counties in Ohio. Eight of these are occupied by tenants farming on shares. None of these men are past middle age; most of them are still young. All started life with nothing, working as farm hands; all are now comparatively independent, and all barring accidents or some great calamity, will own their own homes, with an independence, before they are past middle age.

One of these farms is now occupied by a third generation in succession within my own recollection, and within my own active business life. The original tenant (on the farm when purchased) after some years' saving, and with some help from a soldier's pension, bought a farm near by and paid for it. His son succeeded him as tenant, with no capital save what he had accumulated working by the month. He was industrious, energetic and economical. After some years he had money enough ahead, besides supplying himself fully with needed stock and machinery, to make a payment on a farm he bought near by.

Thereafter he worked both places until his own was paid for, when he moved onto it, and a granddaughter of the original tenant with her husband took the old farm.

This last tenant, like the others, had no capital save what he earned working by the month. He is still a young man, and, barring accidents, he will own a farm before he is past the middle age. During all these years the farm has paid the landlord a fair return on the investment—more than the money would have earned in any other equally safe venture. Indeed, my observation and my experience is that there is no safe investment today so promising, to one who knows enough of farming to properly select and manage a farm, as good land in Ohio.

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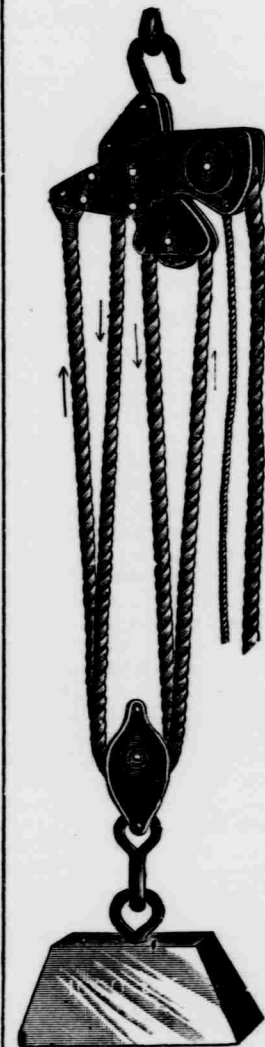
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